FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.615**

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Gambling Cruise Act

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 615 would enact the Gambling Cruise Act. The Bill provides that county and municipal governments may prohibit or regulate the operation of gambling vessels by ordinance within the delegated powers provided.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Provisions of this Bill require the Attorney General to defend county ordinance and provide assistance to county attorneys when requested, which is new jurisdiction. The agency reports this Bill will cost the General Fund of State \$109,837 in the first year, and \$104,950 thereafter. These costs include \$97,280 in personal service and employer contributions for one Attorney and one administrative assistant, \$7,670 in other operating expenses, and \$4,887 in non-recurring funding for equipment purchases.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Responses from coastal communities indicate enactment would have little or no direct impact on local government expenditures.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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